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I am happy to greet you on the occasion on this our Second Annual Awards of Excellence Dinner. We are grateful to Bishop Frank C. Cummings, Mr. James Cullen, Mrs. Carole Graves, and Mr. Henry Henderson not only for their willingness to participate in this event, but for their exemplary lives and their significant achievements in their respective fields, which allows a world to often mire in mediocrity to reflect again on the meaning of excellence. The four persons that we honor tonight are an inspiration to all of us.

We are grateful to Eugene Campbell and Doris Perry for their leadership in chairing this year's Awards of Excellence Dinner. We express our appreciation to all those persons who have contributed in any way to the success of this occasion which brings us a step closer to the realization of the dream of St. James Preparatory School and Multipurpose Center.

The Peace of the Lord be with you,

William D. Watley, Ph.D.

Pastor



Frank Curtis Cummings

BLACK AMERICAN CHURCHMAN

"To really know life and appreciate it fully is, above all else, to know and love ourselves and others; for Love is the source of our power and creativity."

These words of Frank Curtis Cummings describes better than any one else the philosophy of this committed and dedicated man - the 95th Bishop elected in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the oldest and continuously surviving Black institution in America.

Bishop Cummings is one of the most important and powerful voices in African Methodism and one of the few to become a legend in his own time. His singular contributions to the lifeblood of the African Methodist Episcopal Church have garnered him deep respect and admiration throughout the church body. Frank Cummings possesses a rare combination of gifts. Prophet, preacher, pastor, administrator, and humanitarian ---these are the milestones of his distinguished career.

Bishop Cummings is first and foremost a Churchman. He is a captivating and forceful clergyman whose message of love, brotherhood, and human worth appeals to the masses. His preaching is sensitive, perceptive, and socially relevant. Though he is a man of many gifts, his single, most important concern other than his ministry and his family is nurturing the minds of Black youth to whom he imparts spiritual ideals and social values. Bishop Cummings relishes teaching and serving as a role model for young Blacks, sharing with them his own vast knowledge of life and the Scriptures, and admonishing them to strive to be the best at whatever they elect to do.

Not only is Bishop Cummings a leading theologian and educator, he is also an astute businessman and a skilled administrator who has contributed much to the economic development of the Black community and the African Methodist Episcopal Church. While serving as Secretary-Treasurer of the Department of Church Extension, he instituted an insurance program for the 8,000 AME churches worldwide and other properties owned by the denomination. He also founded the Allen Travel Service, headquartered in Washington, D.C.

At present, Bishop Cummings, who is uncompromising in the pursuit of excellence, is spearheading a \$14,000,000 capital campaign to build an Episcopal District Headquarters building in Philadelphia, the cradle of African Methodism. As a consummate planner and organizer and an extraordinary administrator who performs with great aplomb, he is masterfully orchestrating the First District's drive toward providing adequate space to meet its burgeoning needs now and in the future.

As one of the leading AME clergymen of his generation, Frank Cummings uses his considerable gifts unstintingly to be of service to humankind. In his work in the First District he mirrors the spirit and social concerns of Richard Allen, the founder of African Methodism, as he capably ministers to the varying needs of his diverse congregants - children, youth, adults and senior citizens alike.

Despite the fact that his episcopal duties and his preaching and lecturing tours take him all over the world, Bishop Cummings stays very close to his family. He is deeply attached to his wife, Martha; his daughter and son-in-law, Paschell and Gregory Mix; and his granddaughter, Martinique.

Frank Cummings' life is truly inspiring and filled with challenge. His dedication to duty and concern for humankind are carefully balanced with a steadfast commitment to strong, effective leadership of the 318 churches under his episcopal care.



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Greetings to all our supporters of the second annual "Awards for Excellence" dinner. We extend our heartfelt thanks for your many contributions to this very special occasion.

As we near ground-breaking for the St. James Preparatory School, which is the realization of a dream, we are pleased to pay tribute to four distinguished achievers. These individuals have achieved acclaim in thier respective fields of religion, education and business and exemplify the qualities that we wholeheartedly endorse for the future enrollees of St. James Preparatory School.

We invite you to SHARE IN A MIRACLE as we forge onward toward our commitment to excellence.

Eugene C. Campbell and Doris Perry

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Carole A. Graves

CAROLE ANDERSON GRAVES is president of the 5,500 member Newark Teachers Union (NTU) Local 481 AFT/AFL-CIO.

She is married to David L. Graves, and currently residing in Newark, New Jersey. She is a graduate of Arts High School in Newark and Kean College in Union, New Jersey.

Mrs. Graves was employed as a Special Education teacher in the Newark public school system from 1960-1969.

In addition to her duties as fulltime President of the NTU, she is also an International Vice President of the American Federation of Teachers, Executive Vice-President of the New Jersey Federation of Teachers; Vice President of the N.J. State AFL-CIO and the Industrial Union Council.

Mrs. Graves is a former Commissioner of the N.J. Public Employment Relations (PERC). She is an Adjunct Professor of Labor Relations at Essex County College and lecturer on Education and Labor Relations at various colleges and universities.

She is the recipient of numerous awards and honor and also holds membership in many organizations including: Life Member, NAACP; National Council of Negro Women; League of Women Voters, and Beta Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Her membership at Saint James dates back to 1954. Over the years she has been a member of the Sunday School; the Young Adult Choir; the Marilyn Flakes Singers; and the Hattie L. Coppock Chorale. She currently serves on Steward Board #2; is a class leader and sings with the Cathedral Choir.



Henry F. Henderson, Jr.

President of H. F. HENDERSON INDUSTRIES, INC.

HENRY F. HENDERSON, JR. graduated from State University of New York Agricultural & Technical Institute, Alfred, New York in 1950. He also attended William Paterson College, Seton Hall University, New York University.

He received honorary degrees of Doctor of Laws from Kean College and Doctor of Engineering from Steven Institute of Technology.

Our honoree founded H.F. Henderson Industries and guided the company through the growth period where it is now one of the top 100 minority companies in the U.S. specializing in the design and manufacturing of control panels, automatic weighing systems

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His many awards and honors are too numerous to mention.

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